

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
**INFORMATION REPORT**

25X1A

COUNTRY USSR

SUBJECT "Eighth Guards Pontoon Regiment"/Description of  
Pontoons/Preparations For Building Pontoon Bridges

PLACE ACQUIRED  
(BY SOURCE)

DATE ACQUIRED  
(BY SOURCE)

25X1C

DATE (OF INFO.)

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

RESPONSIVE TO	
1	2
CD NO.	
OO/C NO.	
ORR NO.	
DAS NO.	
OCI NO.	

DATE DISTR. 6 DEC 1954

NO. OF PAGES 1

NO. OF ENCLS.

SUPP. TO  
REPORT NO.

25X1X

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE  
OF THE UNITED STATES, WITHIN THE MEANING OF TITLE 18, SECTIONS 793  
AND 794, OF THE U.S. CODE, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR REVE-  
LATION OF ITS CONTENTS TO OR RECEIPT BY AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS  
PROHIBITED BY LAW. THE REPRODUCTION OF THIS REPORT IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

SOURCE [REDACTED]

- "In the city of Izmail on the Danube River, the Soviet '8th Guards Pontoon Reg-  
iment' is stationed. This regiment has a special 'pontoon park' and the equip-  
ment for throwing two 'floating motor transport and railway bridges' up to 1,000  
meters long over the Danube River. The following is known about the materials  
possessed by this pontoon park:
- "It has 80 special steel pontoons built for it by the Nikolaisk naval shipyard.  
These pontoons have a:  

Length	15 meters
Breadth	5 "
Depth	2 "
Weight	18 tons
- "The body of the pontoons is made from sheet steel 6-8 mm. thick. Inside they  
are divided into three separate waterproof compartments. Every compartment has  
a hatch on the deck which is hermetically closed with a lid.
- "To compose a floating bridge, one composes first of all the sections of the  
bridge. Each of these takes two pontoons and is 25 m. long. For the compos-  
ition of the sections, there are steel pipe parts and special ready-made bridge  
spans 25 m. long.
- "One 25-meters-long floating bridge section can carry a load of up to 170 tons.
- "The finished floating bridge is covered with an 'auto road' decking (and if  
necessary provided with a one-track railroad) 5.2 m. broad. Great loads and  
railway trains (consisting of five carriages) can cross the bridge at a speed  
of up to 10 km hours.
- "The places where preparations for building the aforesaid bridges have been made  
are: Kartal (west of Izmail), Galati, Braila, Harsova, Chernavoda, Kalarash,  
Oltenita and Guirgiu."

-end-  
U.S. Officials Only 262.161 N 262.122 144N  
CONFIDENTIAL 262.162 N 754.8 144N  
262.163 N 755.81 144N  
262.13 144N

D-106684

DISTRIBUTION	STATE	ARMY	EV	NAVY	AIR	FBI						
--------------	-------	------	----	------	-----	-----	--	--	--	--	--	--

This report is for the use within the USA of the Intelligence components of the Departments or  
Agencies indicated above. It is not to be transmitted overseas without the concurrence of the  
originating office through the Assistant Director of the Office of Collection and Dissemination, CIA.

458